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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP, GR

SUBJECT: CODEL SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL

FOR DCM STEARNS FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. WE HAVE JUST DISCUSSED WITH SENATOR PELL HIS PLANS FOR A VISIT TO ATHENS ON HIS WAY BACK FROM PEKING TO THE US. HE WILL BE ARRIVING ATHENS ON RO 312 AT 6:40 P.M. AUGUST 17 AND WILL DEPART ATHENS FOR GENEVA 11:35 A.M. AUGUST 21 ON SR 341.

2. SOME MONTHS AGO SENATOR PELL WAS INVITED BY GREEK GOVERNMENT TO VISIT GREECE AS THEIR GUEST. ALTHOUGH THIS VISIT IS TO SOME EXTENT RESPONSIVE TO THAT INVITATION, FOR VARIOUS REASONS SENATOR PELL WISHES TO MAINTAIN HIS INDEPENDENCE AND SPECIFICALLY PREFERS A HOTEL TO OFFICIAL GREEK GUEST HOUSE.

3. WE TOLD SENATOR PELL WE WOULD SEEK YOUR ADVICE RE HIS PROGRAM. SUGGEST YOU RESERVE ROOM IN GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL. SENA-

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TOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE GREEK LEADERSHIP, AND WE ASSUME GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL BE ARRANGING THAT, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD COORDINATE.

4. WE NOTE THAT SENATOR EAGLETON WILL BE VISITING ATHENS DURING MOST OF THIS PERIOD. HIS OFFICE SUGGESTS THAT YOUR DINNER AND ANY BRIEFINGS MIGHT ACCOMMODATE BOTH SENATORS. MEETINGS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, SHOULD PROBABLY BE SEPARATE.

5. SENATOR PELL INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS. HE HAS OPPOSED ADMINISTRATION ON TURKISH ARMS QUESTION SO CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO ARGUE THAT POINT. WE SUGGESTED HE URGE GREEKS TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS RE CYPRUS AND IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH TURKEY. IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS, WHEN HE ARRIVES, BELIEVE HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE.

6. SENATOR PELL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A BRIEF VISIT TO CYPRUS IF POSSIBLE. OBVIOUSLY HIS TIME IS LIMITED, BUT IF THERE IS A FEASIBLE COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AND RETURN WITHIN 24 HOURS WHICH COULD FIT INTO HIS ATHENS SCHEDULE, HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT. WE ASSUME COMMERCIAL FLIGHT WOULD BE MOST PRACTICAL, BUT PERHAPS YOU HAVE ANOTHER SUGGESTION. THIS AS WELL AS APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH GREEK GOVERNMENT SINCE THEY ARE AWARE OF HIS DESIRE TO VISIT CYPRUS IF POSSIBLE.

7. SENATOR WILL BE LEAVING FOR PEKING AUGUST 1, SO WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR INITIAL ADVICE BEFORE THEN. INGERSOLL

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